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**COMBINED
DECLARATION
FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)
AND
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FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**

DECLARATION SUBMITTED WITH INITIAL FILING

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**System and method for detecting failures and re-routing
connections in a communication network**
(Title of Invention)

the specification of which:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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